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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. B. REGISTRY
File No. 3476
Special Branch, S. 3-5 Section,
Date July 1, 1932

Subject (in full) The "Tung Wan Pao"

Made by C.A. J.A.Cook, and Forwarded by C.D.I.

Sir,

The "Tung Wan Pao"( ) (The Chinese Christian Intelligencer) a Christian newspaper published weekly at No.19 Yuen Min Yuen Road by the Presbyterian Christian Mission of the United States of America operating in China, which forms the subject of the attached report by D.S. M.Umemoto, has been in existence for almost thirty years. Until the first week of February of the present year it was published at No. 135 North Szechuen Road by the Presbyterian Mission Press which was established in 1844, but was totally destroyed by the Japanese in February of this year, who broke into the premises smashing locks, doors, etc. and seized the files and other documents therein. This matter has been the subject of an official protest by the American Authorities. The paper is now being published in a private printing establishment.

The Board of Directors of the "Tung Wan Pao" are as follows:-

The Rev. A.Allison - Kiangyin,
Mr. O.C.Crawford - Soochow,
The Rev. W.I.Drummond - Nanking,
The Rev. H.Kerr Taylor - Tsingkiangfu,
Dr. Joseph L.King - Changshow,
The Rev. James Y.Yeh - Hangchow,
The Rev. Chen Yong Chun - Shanghai,
The Rev. Bao Chung - Nanking.

The circulation of the "Tung Wan Pao" last year reached 5,500 copies a week, but, owing to the adverse exchange and the recent local Shanghai events, this figure has now dropped to 4,800.

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The English editor is Mr. Allen who is assisted by Chinese. The policy of the paper is to furnish current Christian news. The paper is sent all over the world where Chinese reside, and is subscribed to by churches of every denomination, as also by many important Chinese hongs, hospitals, etc.

Attached herewith is the copy of the publication containing the two articles to which the Japanese Authorities have objected. A translation of these articles is also attached. The editor of the "Tung Wan Pao" states that the articles referred to were copied by him from the local Chinese newspapers "Sin Wan Pao" and "Shun Pao in which they appeared.

File. General idea of contents of above report have been communicated to Mr Okachi of Japanese Consulate. JHL 1932

John T. Cook
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O/C Special Branch.

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Special Branch, S.5 Station,
Date June 17, 1932

Subject (in full) The "Tung Wan Pao" (通問報)

Made by D. S. Umemoto. Forwarded by

Mr. Minami, Chief of the Intelligence Section of the Japanese Military Attache's Office, requests the courtesy of the Municipal Police in furnishing him with the following information regarding the "Tung Wan Pao", a Christian home paper, published at No. 19 Yuen Min Yuen Road:-

1) The date of establishment and the system of organization by which the paper is issued.
2) Who are the members?
3) Is the paper issued daily or periodically?
4) The circulation of the paper.
5) What is the policy of the paper?

On June 5, 55 copies of the "Tung Wan Pao", mailed by the Tung Wan Pao Office, No. 19 Yuen Min Yuen Road, and addressed to the Christian Association in Changchun and to several other organizations, were seized by the Police Authorities there owing to the publication of articles under the heading "Rapid Progress of the Fascists Movement by the Militalists" and "the Future of Japanese Diplomacy".

M Umemoto
D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

Sir

The Tung Wan Pao is not on sale in the Settlement, endeavours to procure a copy of it at Bookstalls &c have been in vain: Inquiries are being made with a view to obtaining information as enclosed herein.

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G. D. I. Price
Further report in due course
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The "Tung Wan Pao" published the following article in its May issue:-

The following is a Hua Lien News Agency telegram from Tokyo dated 16th:-

The Japanese military and naval officers who are members of the Fascist have assassinated several important members of the Minseito Cabinet at 1 p.m. October 17, last year. The persons they intended to assassinate were Wakatsuki, Shidehara, Inouye and other high officials. Even Prince Saionji was included. As the plotters failed to keep their plans secret, the Tokyo Police managed to secure information of the conspiracy and arrested about 300 persons. The young officers of the Staff Headquarters were among the principal promoters of a secret body. Hiranuma, Vice-President of the Privy Council, was also in touch with these young officers. The "Kuo Fung" Zoen", a Society formed by Hiranuma has for its members, numerous ex-service men. General Araki, the Minister of War, is the Chief of the Society, but he lost the support of the young officers when he obeyed the Cabinet. They were, still more dissatisfied with him when the Sino-Japanese Armistice Agreement was signed in Shanghai, because the signing of such an agreement meant the loss of an opportunity to distinguish themselves. This was the motive of the Japanese young officers outrage.

According to the telegram received from Peiping containing news secured from the Consular Body, Premier Inukai was assassinated because the Japanese militarists were dissatisfied with Inukai's diplomatic policy and the Shanghai Armistice Agreement. The Japanese militarists are advocating an Asiatic Monroe doctrine and are supporting the [illegible] Constitution. [illegible]